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In further response to the pending Office Action, Applicants hereby present the executed Declaration of Robert K. Williams. Therein, Mr. Williams states he did not invent the subject matter relied upon in the Goyal patent to reject pending claims 8 and 19. Accordingly, without conceding anticipation, the Goyal patent is not invention "by another" with respect to claims 8 and 19 and should be withdrawn. Consistent with the Williams statement, Claims 1 and 14 are hereby amended to recite the subject matter of claims 8 and 19. As indicated earlier, should the Examiner so require, corresponding declarations can be obtained from present Applicants Goyal and Kroeger, confirming the non-inventorship of Mr. Williams.

Several other claims are hereby amended, solely for purposes of clarification and/or to alleviate any redundancy. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's telephone communication of March 16, 2004 regarding such issues, the present amendments and the sufficiency of the Williams Declaration.

Authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account 18-0882 for any fee deficiency.

Again, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter, but in light of the preceding believe all claims are in condition for allowance. Early action, consistent therewith, is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone should any issue remain. Thank you for your help and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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